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SUBJECT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE MEETING ON RUBBER

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REF: (A) GENEVA 4730

(B) GENEVA 4869

1. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE
ESTABLISHED AT THE JUNE UNCTAD MEETING ON RUBBER (REF A),
IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 10-21. THE TASK FORCE WAS GIVEN
THE MANDATE "TO CONSIDER IN GREATER DETAIL AND ASSESS

SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF A POSSIBLE COMMODITY AGREEMENT FOR NATURAL RUBBER AND OTHER FACTORS RELATING TO NATURAL RUBBER AS ALREADY IDENTIFIED BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP IN ITS REPORT (REF B), TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER PROPOSALS IN ORDER TO MAKE CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THEM".

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE WORK OF THE OCTOBER MEETING CAN BE CARRIED OUT MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY AND THOROUGHLY IF A LIST OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION IS CONSIDERED BY PARTICIPANTS PRIOR TO MEETING TO ALLOW THEM TO PREPARE ACCORDINGLY. WE SUGGEST THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT

OCTOBER MEETING:

-- RELATIONSHIP OF BUFFER STOCK SIZE AND OPERATION TO STABILIZATION OBJECTIVES:

-- DETERMINATION OF AND RELATIONSHIP AMONG INDICATOR PRICE(S), PRICE RANGE(S) AND BUFFER STOCK COMPOSITION;

-- FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS;

-- NATURE AND USE OF SUPPLY RATIONALIZATION MEASURES FOR NR AS CONTINGENCY SUPPORT FOR BOTH FLOOR AND CEILING; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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-- IMPLICATIONS OF EXPORT AND PRODUCTION TAXES, INTERNAL MARKETING STRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT INCENTIVES ON PRICE STABILIZATION OBJECTIVES;

-- IMPLICATIONS OF PRICE STABILIZATION MEASURES ON NR/SR RELATIONSHIP;

-- PRICE RANGE REVIEW CRITERIA.

3. WE REALIZE THAT TOPICS SUGGESTED ABOVE ARE NOT EXHAUSTIVE AND EXPECT THAT OTHER COUNTRIES MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THEM AND MAKE ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS. ALLOWANCE SHOULD ALSO BE MADE IN AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL TOPICS WHICH MIGHT ARISE DURING COURSE OF MEETING.

4. US HOPING THAT OCTOBER MEETING WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR FRANK AND THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF PROBLEM OF RUBBER PRICE STABILIZATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS AND WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS IN DEPTH. TO BEST UTILIZE TIME AVAILABLE, THEREFORE, WE WOULD HOPE THAT USUAL EXERCISE OF NEGOTIATING WORDING OF FINAL REPORT CAN

BE AVOIDED IN OCTOBER BY AGREEING PRIOR TO MEETING THAT
REPORT OF OCTOBER SESSION BE CONFINED TO AN INFORMAL
STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN ON HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY AND
AN OBJECTIVE RECORD OF THE DISCUSSIONS. TASK OF
FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THIRD PREP MEETING IN
FEBRUARY WOULD BE TAKEN UP AT SECOND TASK FORCE SESSION
IN DECEMBER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: (FOR EMBASSIES IN MAJOR CONSUMING
AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND EC BRUSSELS). PLEASE PASS
SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE MESSAGE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS AND
ORGANIZATIONS AND ASK FOR THEIR COMMENTS SOONEST. YOU MAY
ALSO INFORM THEM THAT WE HAVE PASSED THESE SUGGESTIONS ON
TO THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT AND THEY MAY WISH TO DO THE SAME.
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FOR US MISSION GENEVA: PASS SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE MESSAGE
FROM ASHLEY HEWITT TO NASSAU ADAMS, UNCTAD CHIEF OF
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